

be brief. But I want to end as I began, by thanking Mr. WAMP, the ranking member of this VA Appropriations and Military Construction Subcommittee.

There are a lot of people in Washington and a lot of people in America who think that bipartisanship is not only an endangered species, but an extinct species in Washington. I think this process, over 100 hours of hearings, 19 different hearings, the product tonight, a good product, is perfect proof that bipartisanship for the most important of causes is still alive and well in Washington, D.C.

I want to again salute Speaker PELOSI and Mr. OBEY and Mr. SPRATT, as well as the second ranking Democrat on our subcommittee, Mr. FARR of California, who has been there every step of the way for our veterans, our troops and their families. He has made a great contribution to this bill.

Finally, I would just finish by saying my hope and prayer is that what we have before this House is a bill that is worthy of the sacrifice of our service men and women and their families.

Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. FARR) having assumed the chair, Mr. ALTMIRE, Acting Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 6599) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year end-

ing September 30, 2009, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

REAPPOINTMENT AS MEMBER TO COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 201(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 USC 6431 note), amended by section 681(b) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (22 USC 2651 note), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Chair announces the Speaker's reappointment of the following member on the part of the House to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a 2-year term ending May 14, 2010:

Ms. Elizabeth H. Prodromou of Boston, Massachusetts, to succeed herself.

APPOINTMENT OF HON. STENY H. HOYER AND HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

July 31, 2008.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STENY H. HOYER and the Honorable CHRIS VAN HOLLEN to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through September 8, 2008.

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

BUDGET AGGREGATES

[On-budget amounts, in millions of dollars]

	Fiscal years—		
	2008 <sup>1</sup>	2009 <sup>1 2</sup>	2009–2013
Current Aggregates:			
Budget Authority .....	2,456,198	2,462,553	( <sup>3</sup> )
Outlays .....	2,437,784	2,497,436	( <sup>3</sup> )
Revenues .....	1,875,401	2,029,653	11,780,263
Change in the Higher Education Opportunity Act (H.R. 4137):			
Budget Authority .....	– 10	– 9	( <sup>3</sup> )
Outlays .....	0	– 114	( <sup>3</sup> )
Revenues .....	0	0	0
Revised Aggregates:			
Budget Authority .....	2,456,188	2,462,544	( <sup>3</sup> )
Outlays .....	2,437,784	2,497,322	( <sup>3</sup> )
Revenues .....	1,875,401	2,029,653	11,780,263

<sup>1</sup> Current aggregates do not include spending covered by section 301(b)(1) (overseas deployments and related activities). The section has not been triggered to date in Appropriation action.

<sup>2</sup> Current aggregates do not include Corps of Engineers emergency spending assumed in the budget resolution, that will not be included in current level due to its emergency designation (section 301(b)(2)).

<sup>3</sup> Not applicable because annual appropriations Acts for fiscal years 2010 through 2013 will not be considered until future sessions of Congress.

DIRECT SPENDING LEGISLATION—AUTHORIZING COMMITTEE 302(a) ALLOCATIONS FOR RESOLUTION CHANGES

[Fiscal Years, in millions of dollars]

House Committee	2008		2009		2009–2013 Total	
	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays
Current allocation:						
Education and Labor .....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Change in the Higher Education Opportunity Act (H.R. 4137):						
Education and Labor .....	– 10	0	– 9	– 114	36	– 60
Revised allocation:						
Education and Labor .....	– 10	0	– 9	– 114	36	– 60